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REMARKS

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On January 22, 2004 and February 4, 2004, a telephonic interview was conducted between examiner Matthew A. Thexton and John K. McDonald, the undersigned. During the interview of January 22, 2004, all claims were discussed. The examiner indicated that the elected species were allowable over the prior art considered. The examiner further indicated that Kasamatsu et al., (JP4-337334) and Kasamatsu et al., translation would form the basis of §102 and §103 rejections for the non-elected species. No agreement with respect to the claims was reached.

During the February 4, 2004, telephonic interview modifications to claims 11-27 were discussed to place the claims in condition for allowance of elected species. It was noted that a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(C) must be filed to overcome a provisional double patenting rejection, and is filed herein. The foregoing amendment amends the response to the Office Action filed December 4, 2003.

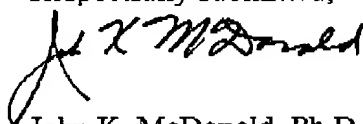
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 815-6500 is respectfully solicited.

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